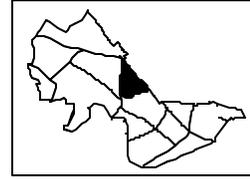


NEIGHBORHOOD 8

AGASSIZ



BOUNDARIES: bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 5,158 residents
1,891 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

The Agassiz neighborhood was hit with a series of both day and night **housebreak** patterns during the first quarter of 2002. The housebreak total for Neighborhood #8 surged from zero during the first three months of last year to thirteen between January and the end of March of 2002. The majority of these breaks occurred between mid- January and the middle of February. Four of the incidents went down in the same apartment building on January 29th. Suspects have been entering apartments via rear windows. In a number of the crimes access was gained by via the fire escape. Laptops and electronic equipment are the main target of these thieves. The extra patrols that were dispatched to Wendell, Forest, Garfield and Sacramento Streets, as well as a number of key arrests, appear to have eradicated this problem. There was only one break recorded in this area over the final six weeks of the quarter. • The lone **street robbery** in the neighborhood so far in 2002 involved the purse snatch from a female victim on Bryant Street in March. No weapon was shown in this incident. • A Wendell Street resident was arrested for possession of **drugs** (crack cocaine) while being served a warrant in March. • Total for **larceny from motor vehicles, malicious destruction** and **Auto Theft** in Agassiz continue to count well below citywide averages. •

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2001 & 2002

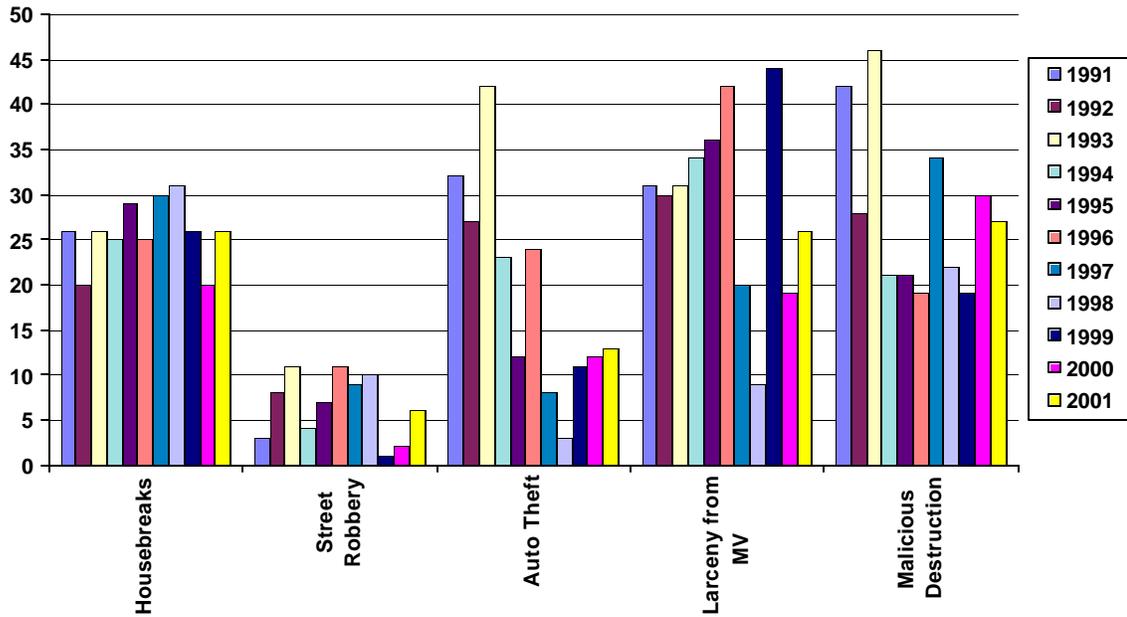
CRIME	1 st Q 2001	1 st Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	0	13	<i>Inc.</i>
Street Robbery	1	1	N.C.
Auto Theft	2	3	+50%
Larceny from MVs	6	8	+33%
Malicious Destruction	4	2	-50%
Drug Arrests	0	1	<i>Inc.</i>

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average **housebreak** and **larceny from motor vehicle** totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for **street robberies**, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**.
- There were no **street robberies** during this quarter in 1999, but that changed in 2000 when there was one street robbery. It occurred when the suspect demanded the victim's money and also showed a silver handgun. No one was hurt and \$60 was taken.
- The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	67	8	25	10	10
Street Robbery	11	9	6	10	10
Auto Theft	45	12	20	10	12
Larceny from MVs	47	11	30	11	11
Malicious Destruction	45	11	29	10	10

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest